Re-examination of the Approach Paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan

83. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-examine the Approach Paper prepared for Eighth Five Year Plan and the priorities for development in that Plan; and

(b) whether the Eighth Five Year Plan is to start from the next financial year or its commencement would be delayed in view of the exercise referred to in part (a) above?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Approach Paper for Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised. It will reflect the economic philosophy and objectives of the present Government.

(b) The Eighth Five Year Plan is scheduled to begin on April 1, 1990.

Supersession of NCCF Board

84. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies had held that the NCCF Board had been negligent in the performance of its duties and acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the society and be superseded;

(b) if so, what criminal and/or civil action has been taken by Government against the officials and the members of the Board found negligent;

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to amend the rules, regulations and the Act to provide for deterrent action against such members of the Board and to disqualify them/debar them for becoming member of any National Level Cooperative Federation in future; if so, what steps have been taenk by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and the rules framed thereunder carry no provisions for taking any criminal or civil action against members of the Board of a society registered under that Act since decisions taken by the Board, are collective. However, if any case of involvement of any member of the Board of Directors in corrupt act or even giving undue benefit which caused losses to the Federation is established, the same can be dealt with under IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act in the normal course. In the pulses case which was investigated by the CBI, the CBI have launched criminal prosecution in the court against the Ex-President of NCCF, besides other officials and private traders.

(d) At present there is no proposal to amend the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act and the rules in this regard.

Indiscriminate supplies of HMT watches by Branch Manager of NCCF

85. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1979-80 the then Branch Manager, Delhi (NCCF) had made large scale indiscriminate supplies of HMT watches, worth over Rs. 80.00 lakhs to M/s. Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Co-operative Store, Delhi, in preference to Super Bazar and Delhi Wholesale Co-operative Store;

(b) whether in these indiscriminate supplies, the then Assistant Manager, Delhi Branch was also instrumental against whom the then General Manager, Delhi Wholesale Cooperative Store Ltd., had made a complaint in writing alleging that M/s. Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Co-

operative Store was managed by the close relatives of the said Assistant Manager; and

(c) if so, what disciplinary action Government contemplate to take against the said two officers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) NCCF have reported that its Delhi Branch had supplied HMT watches to the Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Cooperative Store, Delhi worth Rs. 35.38 lakhs only during 1979-80.

(b) and (c) One Assistant Manager who was then in-charge of the General Merchandise Section of the Delhi Branch was alegedly involved in the malpractices in the supplies. The matter was investigated by the NCCF. On the basis of the enquiry conducted explanations of the Branch Manager and the Assistant Manager were called.

(c) The case against the Assistant Manager was dropped in October, 1982 which was formally communicated to him in February, 1984, on the ground that the Assistant Manager was working under the control and supervision of Branch Manager and it was the duty of the Branch Manager, to supervise his work and issue necessary instructions/guidelines for proper distribution of goods.

The then Branch Manager, Delhi under suspension has been chargesheeted for various ommisions and commissions including indiscriminate supplies of HMT watches to M/s. Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Cooperative Store. The oral enquiry under the rules has been completed against him and reports submitted to Central Vigilance Commission for their advice in June, 1989. Further action will be taken after Central Vigilance Commission's advice is received.

Authenticity of certificate issued by Regional Manager of NCCF

86. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the NCCF have since examined the authenticity of the certificate alleged to have been issued by the then Regional Manager (West) of the NCCF in 1981 towards receipt of 1300 Mtrs non-basmati rice from HAFED at Kandla Port; and

(b) if so, what are the findings and what action is being taken by Government against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) It has been reported by the NCCF that HAFED have claimed to have supplied rice in 1981 of following quantities:

PR-106	437 MTs.
IR-8	6980.15 MTs.

Out of the above mentioned stocks, receipt of 395.5 MTs of IR-8 rice has been denied by NCCF. Value of these stocks is Rs. 9.28 lakhs. NCCF have not been given the original, so-called receipt issued by the then Regional Manager (West), by HAFED so far in spite of repeated requests.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Sugar, Rice and Wheat

87. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the F.O.B. Value, ocean freight and landed price, in Indian ports, of Sugar, rice and wheat, being imported from abroad;

(b) the names of the foreign vendors of these commodities;

(c) the mode of purchases of these items and whether these are made by floating public tenders or by negotiations; and

(d) what are the comparative varieties of Indian produce of rice and wheat, being imported?